

NOW IT IS PLAIN

Mr. Hammond Explains an Occult Science

TO BE AN EXPANSION OF TRUTH

How Christian Science Was Born of a Book Cultivated to Its Present Development.

EDITORIAL.—In your issue of last Sunday we notice an article which professes to give some ideas on the subject of Christian Science. That the public may not be misled upon points on this abstract science, permit me to correct some of its misstatements. Your article makes the statement that "there are two different sects of Christian scientists. Both exist here." This is not true. There is but one "sect" or denomination of Christian scientists. Those who differ from them are known or should be throughout the country as mental scientists or by whatever other name they may give. How did this distinction originate? Let us explain. There appeared in the year 1875 a book written by a lady named Mary B. G. Eddy, (then, however, called Mary B. Glover), entitled "Science and Health." To the formulated ideas found in that book and to the system of healing the sick and the sinful built upon these ideas she gave the name of "Christian Science." Previous to publishing this book she taught her system in Massachusetts to a number of pupils. In the last edition of "Science and Health" published in 1892, she says: "In the year 1866 I discovered the science of metaphysical healing and named it 'Christian Science.' She gave this name to it in order that it might be a designating term for a body of ideas relating to God, man and the spiritual universe, from which ideas flowed health, goodness and happiness. It was capable of being taught and practically illustrated. How can those then who differ from this system found in this book wholly and in part call themselves Christian scientists?"

Difference and Distinction.
A pronounced allopath does not call himself a homeopath; neither does one who practices homeopathy, according to Hahnemann, call himself an eclectic. Therefore today, one holding to the ideas of science and health, in understanding and in practice in their unity, is a Christian scientist. Those who hold to them only in part cannot call themselves in truth followers of Christian Science. We are not reflecting upon those who differ from this remarkable work, but upon those who ignorantly call themselves such or who knowingly appropriate a name which does not correspond with their opinions or their teachings. Dr. W. F. Evans, a worthy and conscientious man, calls his system of mental therapeutics, Eclectic Christianity. A lady in the south somewhat prominent as a professor and teacher and who calls her method "Mental Science," never Christian Science. These distinctions are important for the public to know that each may rest upon its own merits and be judged accordingly. But for any one to "take good where ever they find it," leaving the merit or demerit of their method to rest upon their individual discernment of truth, and to call that method "Christian Science" is to deceive themselves and the public also.

Christian science we hold to be truth. But no human being holds a "copy-right" on this truth nor ever can. The truth in glimpses has come to the world in all ages. Jesus revealed it as no one ever did before or since. But the science which underlies that truth never has been discovered or made known by the church or any of the exponents of Christianity until Science and Health appeared.

Jesus' Miracles Explained.
As a writer in the International Magazine of Christian Science well said in 1889: "It is very strange that until that (Science and Health) appeared the people at large had no literature that gave a firm basis for spiritual healing or a reasonable explanation of Jesus' miracles. If there was, where is it? It is true that in the Bible most of the ancient religions and philosophies and the works of modern metaphysics then are given to the world in the pages of Science and Health, where were the schools, the practitioners, and the literature, which taught it in a tangible way. Dr. Quimby of Maine understood much of the doctrine without naming it, and did a noble work in healing, and in living a pure life. 'But I, for instance, could never have been healed and had my every hour glorified by Dr. Quimby, because I never heard of him until long after he had passed on.' And he might have added, 'left nothing which could be taught in this direction. Christian Science teaches man how to develop his mind—his spiritual mind, for the carnal, mortal mind gradually disappears, proving its unreal, or temporary nature, through the understanding of his divine nature. It acknowledges, as Jesus taught, 'a straight and narrow way' in this progressive development. It finds in a human way of thinking, however pleasing it may be to our selfish and our pride of intellect, that which this same Jesus warned the disciples and the world against: Avoidance of the broad way which 'leadeth to destruction.' 'Let us reason together,' said a wise man. Can we apply the word science to Christianity and have each individual think as he pleases for himself on the eternal facts of God?"

What Science Means.
If we do we have an array of opinions respecting deity, but no science. Science means knowledge, exactitude, precision. The science of mathematics rests on knowledge. Who finds fault

with it because its principles are unerring and demonstrated by the following principle and rule, following "the narrow way." Who decries the science of music because its knowledge is obtained only by rigid adherence to method and rule. The world and even followers of the church will all have to learn there is but one way to the truth, the highest harmony of mind, the highest happiness, and this is by the narrow one, by disciplining ourselves after the highest ideas of man, Jesus the Christ.

It is the wonderful light thrown upon Jesus' sayings and the Bible which has illuminated the understanding of thousands throughout the world. This light has come from the pages of "Science and Health." Its result has been an elevation of mind and health of body such as the world never before realized. For the unfolding of the principles of Christian science we commend this book to all.

EDU. H. HAMMOND.

TOMB OF A ROMANTIC PAST.

Venice No Longer a Living City, But Merely a Tomb.
Venetian life in the large old sense has since come to an end, and the essential present character of the most melancholy of cities resides simply in its being the most beautiful of tombs, says Scribner's. Nowhere else has the past been laid to rest with such tenderness, such a sadness of resignation and remembrance. Nowhere else is the present so alien, so discontinuous, so like a crowd in a cemetery without garlands for the graves. It has no flowers in its hands, but as a compensation, perhaps—and the thing is doubtful—more to the point—it has money and little red books. The everlasting shuffle, in the piazza, of these irresponsible visitors is contemporary Venetian life. Everything else is only a reverberation of that. The vast mausoleum has a turnstile at the door, and a functionary in a shabby uniform lets you in for a tariff, to see how dead it is. Even this constatation, this cold curiosity, proceed all the industry, the prosperity, the vitality of the place. The shopkeepers and gondoliers, the beggars and the models, depend upon it for a living; they are the custodians and the ushers of the great museum—they are even themselves to a certain extent the objects on exhibition. It is in the wide vestibule of the square that the polyglot pilgrims gather most densely; Piazza San Marco is like the lobby of the opera in the intervals of the performance. The present fortune of Venice, the lamentable difference, is most easily measured there, and that is why, in the effort to resist our pessimism, we must turn away both from the purchasers and from the vendors of ricordi.

Limited Knowledge.
A woman in the western part of New York state wants to have her portrait dismissed on the ground that he rides a bicycle and studied medicine in his earlier years, which suggests the story of the woman who wrote the following note to the teacher: "Please don't teach my Mary Jane any physiology. I don't want her to know about her innards."

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McGEORGE BENDY, Attorney for Edison Light Co. GRAND RAPIDS, MICH., Jan. 11, 1923.

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